

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY CENTER AND FORT SILL
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503-5100

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Environmental Quality
HUNTING AND FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS
Effective: 7 August 2003

1. PURPOSE. This circular provides specific information regarding season and daily fish and game limits that may be taken on Fort Sill (see appendix A).

2. SCOPE. This circular applies to persons who hunt or fish on the Fort Sill military reservation.

3. GENERAL.

a. Seasons for waterfowl are set by proclamation from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Deer and waterfowl seasons and bag limits are printed in separate circulars. Furbearer regulations are posted at the Sportsmen Services Center (Building 1458, telephone number 442-3453/3553).

b. Methods of hunting and fishing are in accordance with State laws and USAFACFS regulations. Information and publications are available at the Sportsmen Services Center.

c. Sportsmen shall have in their possession a State license, unless exempt by law, a post permit and a range pass.

d. Prior to fishing outside of the cantonment area, each person will obtain one parking pass and range pass from Sportsman Services Center. The only exception is fishing in LETRA (Lake Elmer Thomas Recreational Area). One member of each party may obtain passes for all party members. Passes will normally be available on a first-come-first-serve basis after 1200 on the day prior to fishing activity. Post range passes will enable anglers to fish unrestricted areas not covered by firing overlays, with no requirement to check off the range. Anglers, who fish in restricted areas must also obtain a range pass, and are required to check out (either in person or by telephone) at the end of their fishing activity. Consult USAFACFS Regulation No. 200-1 for locations of restricted areas. Anglers, in restricted areas, must clear the field by 2400 on the final

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date listed on their range pass. Restricted range passes will specify one restricted area only, but may include post (nonrestricted areas) if desired. Hunting parties must check in and obtain a compartment, range, or area assignment each day. The sign-in sheet and maps are available at the Sportsman Services Center. At the end of each hunting day, hunters must check out (either in person or by telephone) within 1 1/2 hours of official sunset. Night hunters must clear the range before 0600 on the morning after checkout.

e. Fort Sill Range Safety Course attendance is mandatory for each hunter and those anglers who wish to fish in restricted areas. Call 442-3553/3453 for a schedule of these courses.

f. Trapping is prohibited on Fort Sill unless authorized by Natural Resources and Enforcement Branch, Directorate of Public Safety (DPS).

g. Special hunting and fishing restrictions signed by the Fish and Wildlife Administrator and posted at the Sportsmen Services Center are official.

h. No person may possess in the field more than one daily bag limit of any game species on Fort Sill.

i. Immediately release protected fish regardless of their condition.

j. At Lake Elmer Thomas the daily limit of bass is 6 combined. No size limit applies to spotted bass. Return all other bass caught between 13" and 16" inches to the water immediately. All other fish follow state regulations. Lake Elmer Thomas has a no wake (idle speed) limit for all boats.

APPENDIX A
2003-2004
SEASON AND BAG LIMITS
FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Species	Season	Bag Limits
Black Bass	No Closed Season	5 Daily (Bass between 13" and 16" protected) only two of which may be over 16". See 3.j. for LETRA limits
Channel Catfish	No Closed Season	6 Daily (10" Minimum length) See 3.j. for LETRA limits.
Crappie	No Closed Season	37 Daily
Other Fish	Same as State Regulations	Same as State Regulations
Bullfrog	15 Jul – 30 Sep	15 Per 24-hour period+
Deer (Archery)	1 Oct – 15 Jan (1-15 Jan antlerless only)	***See below
Deer (Black Powder)	11 Oct – 26 Oct	***See below
Deer (Gun)	8,9,15,16,29 and 30 Nov; 6,7,13, and 14, Dec	***See below
Elk (Gun)	8,9,15,16,29 and 30 Nov; 6,7,13, and 14, Dec	***See below
Elk (Archery)	27 Sep – 3 Oct	***See below
Dove	1 Sep - 30 Oct	15 Daily
*Crows	10 Oct-16 Nov; 9 Dec-4 Mar	Unlimited
Teal	**Special Regulations	**Special Regulations
*Waterfowl	**Special Regulations	**Special Regulations
*Quail	20 Nov - 31 Jan	5 Daily
*Rabbits (Cottontail)	1 Oct - 15 Mar	10 Daily
*Rabbits (Swamp)	1 Oct - 15 Mar	3 Daily
*Rabbits (Jack)	1 Oct - 15 Mar	3 Daily
*Squirrels	15 May - 31 Jan	10 Daily
*Coyotes, Beaver	No Closed Season	Unlimited++++
*Striped Skunk Opossum, and Badger	1 Dec - 31 Jan	No trapping permitted++
*Raccoon	1 Dec - 31 Jan	No trapping permitted++ 6 Daily, 30 per Season
*Bobcat	1 Dec - 28 Feb	No trapping permitted++ No daily limit, 20 per season
All Foxes, Mink, Muskrat, Bear, Mountain Lion, River Otter, Spotted Skunk, Ringtail, and Weasel	No Season	Completely protected

Species	Season	Bag Limits
Wild Turkey (Fall)	1 Oct – 7 Nov (Archery Only) Gun Season Closed	1 Either Sex***
Wild Turkey (Spring)	6 Apr - 6 May	1 Tom per Season ++
Feral Hogs	No Closed Season	Unlimited +++
*Rail and Gallinule	1 Sep - 9 Nov	25 Rail, 15 Gallinule Daily
*Common Snipe	1 Oct - 15 Jan	8 Daily
*Woodcock	1 Nov – 15 Dec	3 Daily
Pheasants	3-11 Jan 2003	1 Cock Daily***

+24 hour period is 0800 through 0759 the following day. Bullfrog hunting with firearms, pellet guns, or BB guns is prohibited.

*Part or all of Fort Sill may be closed during gun deer season.

++ More restrictions to season dates and bag limits may occur depending on population status.

**These regulations are published following action by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. If printing of Fort Sill regulations is late, all state regulations are in effect.

***This season is tentative and dependent upon populations' status prior to the season. Bag Limits for Deer and Elk Hunting on Fort Sill are posted in a Fort Sill Circular issued during August/September of each year. Fort Sill will post this circular to the following web site:

http://sill-www.army.mil/doim/FS_Pubs/INDEX.htm#CIR

+++ No night hunting. Weapon restrictions follow concurrent hunting seasons.

++++ No trapping permitted. Shotgun only. No rifles or pistols. No night hunting. Anglers have priority on ponds.

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